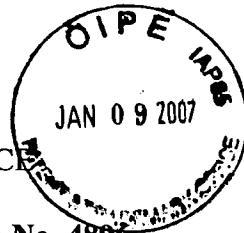


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- (1) WO 01/76552 A2, October 18, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 5, paragraph [0028];
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,635,702 B1 (SCHMUCKER-CASTNER et al.), October 21, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (1);
- (3) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0087668 A1 (SCHMUCKER-CASTNER et al.), May 6, 2004; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (1) and (2);
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0158268 A1 (SCHMUCKER-CASTNER et

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(7) WO 2004/006870 A2, January 22, 2004;

(8) DE 101 48 393 A1, April 24, 2003, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet);

(9) U.S. Patent No. 6,287,583 B1 (WARREN et al.), September 11, 2001;

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Applicants further direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents cited in the German Search Report of German Application DE 103 44 527.7, of which the above-identified application claims priority:

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- (21) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0048017 A1 (STRASSNER et al.), March 3, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (20);
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- (25) U.S. Patent No. 6,555,101 B1 (KAHRE et al.), April 29, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of documents (23) and (24);
- (26) DE 39 29 973 A1, March 14, 1991, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cenet); this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e. casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 1-11;
- (27) DE 692 04 978 T2, February 4, 1993; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e. casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claim 1, example 2;
- (28) U.S. Patent No. 5,519,063 (MONDET et al.), May 21, 1996; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (27);
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- (31) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0059392 A1 (L'ALLORET), March 27, 2003; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e. casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 1, 5, 10, 41, paragraph [0211];
- (32) U.S. Patent No. 6,533,873 B1 (MARGOSIAK et al.), March 18, 2003; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e. casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. Table 1 of this document is indicated as relevant;
- (33) EP 1 055 425 A2, November 29, 2000; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e. casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Examples 1-3;
- (34) WO 03/039498 A2, May 15, 2003; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as X document, i.e. casting doubt on novelty or non-obviousness by itself. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Page 11, examples 4, 5;
- (35) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0032656 A1 (STRASSNER et al.), February 10, 2005; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (34);
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(39) WO 01/19946 A1, March 22, 2001; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e. casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. Claim 1 of this document is indicated as relevant; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in the present application, beginning at page 5, [0028];

(40) WO 92/13513 A1, August 20, 1992; this document is categorized in the German Search Report as Y document, i.e. casting doubt on non-obviousness in combination with other documents. The following passages of this document are indicated as relevant: Claims 1-15, examples.

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following additional document which is cited in the present application:

(41) EP 0 738 509 B1, September 3, 2003; Applicants note that this document is cited and

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Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications), the International Search Report for International Application PCT/EP2004/010668 (in German and English) and the German Search Report of German Application DE 103 44 527.7 (in German) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the next official communication.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and patent applications cited above are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

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